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Today I see that Mr. Sparks has filled another Comment on the RM-10784 requesting to keep with code.

I also did my Duty at the USAF in the early '70's, We had a great Collins Station there that worked well for messages home!

Today it's the internet, and great that Mr. Sparks is helping protect the homeland, However the issue is my RM supports "CW" in the extra class licensee! Mr. Sparks various comments witch fill RM-10781 through RM-10787 with multi - dup fillings on the same RM's speak's of nothing on the + or Positive Side.

I will agree that the U.S. military is still using "CW" but its form may not be the "conventional" J-38 key, but a high speed computer "CW" with a "Computer Based" speeds!

The national guard in this state just sent off to the "state auction" a number of "computers" use first by the regular army, then trasfered to the army reserve, then again trasfered to the Ohio National Guard.

The computer ended up on the state auction block, with hard drive in tact, and cabeling to PR-77 radios, as well as assorted other cable's to other radio sets well marked! Markings like "Recall Code" and various formats of "Encrypt" were opetions. I saw no "Key" on the radio, or computer, or interconnect boxes. CW was sent by key board!

If the National Guard got rid of "outdated" equipment like this to the general public, they have something better to replace it!

Manpack Radios, and Truck/Hum-v radios would likley not have keys, but fixed stations will. From reports I have received maunal key is used on a rare times. Mr. Sparks is rite that the Military still use's CW, but operators are few and getting fewer!

"CW" still used on LF avaiation "Beacons" to small and large airports but the "CW" speed is low so that aircraft operators can use the information.

Mr. Sparks is using some minor facts known to the commission and some hams, as a road block the other classes of licensed operator! his point of view need-ed for a fair responce to pending Changes proposed.

However with the Mulit fillings by Mr. Sparks, and others it looks as if "No Code" on HF gets votes every day over and over again!

I'm sure you will also find a few the other way that are repeats for "No Code" on HF, but thispoint in time I've only found 3 on the same RM.

The FCC needs to think that each and every RM may only have one + vote, where multi No votes will appear on all. The reverse may also be true! It's going to be a hard to sort out the actual true numbers?

Thanks

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PS: I hope Mr. Sparks gets back safe, and He gets to be some of
that rare DX from over there back to the states. 28.410 Mhz
29.600 Mhz, at times the top end of the 75 m phone band. Looking
for those rare calls from far-out places.